

UNO students, administration react to Va. Tech shootings

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NEWS EDITOR

UNO joined college campuses across the country in reacting with a range of emotions to Monday's bloody shootings at the Virginia Polytechnical Institute.

The attacks, the deadliest shootings in U.S. history, began around 7:15 a.m. at West Ambler Johnston Hall, a freshman dormitory at Virginia Tech. Two students, resident assistant Ryan Clark and his next-door neighbor, Emily Hilscher, were murdered by another student, Cho Seung-Hui.

Police responded and began investigating Hilscher's boyfriend, Karl Thornhill, by 7:30 a.m. However, around 9:15 a.m., Cho opened fire at an engineering complex across campus, Norris Hall. Police responded and discovered Cho dead along with several victims in a classroom on the second floor. In total, Cho took 32 lives, including those of four faculty members, in addition to his own.

To learn more about what happened, some UNO students participated in a teleconference with Steve Biederman, a sophomore active with Campus Crusade for Christ at Virginia Tech.

UNO alumnus Tyler Zach organized the event for Greek Endeavors, a UNO greek outreach organization affiliated with Campus Crusade for Christ.

Zach said they began the meeting by telling the couple dozen attendees about the shootings and breaking off into groups for discussion and initial reactions. A few attendees started to cry at the idea of losing friends and family.

"Most people agreed they couldn't picture

something like this happening at UNO."

Biederman described what he had done that morning and how the tragedy affected him personally.

"We started off in the morning, I was in class, and we just started hearing bang after bang through the wall," Biederman said. "Our professor, he had no clue what was going on, so he let us out early. And yet we didn't think anything was really wrong."

Biederman said the roommate of "a very good friend of mine" was killed in the shooting, and four members of his local Crusade group were also murdered.

Sophomore computer science major David Pike described the mood as very somber and respectful while Biederman described his experience.

"I think it was definitely very serious atmosphere while the phone call was going on," Pike said. "When we did the interview, it was good to hear something from someone who was actually there in person."

Pike said that he and others in attendance were moved by the "initial shock of the gravity of the situation" and had "a lot of respect for what's going on."

That concern isn't limited to Virginia, though. According to a report in the *New York Times*, universities in Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas searched campuses or even cancelled classes on Tuesday over concerns about copycat incidents.

Questions about security reached UNO, as some expressed concern over safety on campus.

"Yesterday's tragedy reminds us that while college campuses are normally safe havens of teaching and

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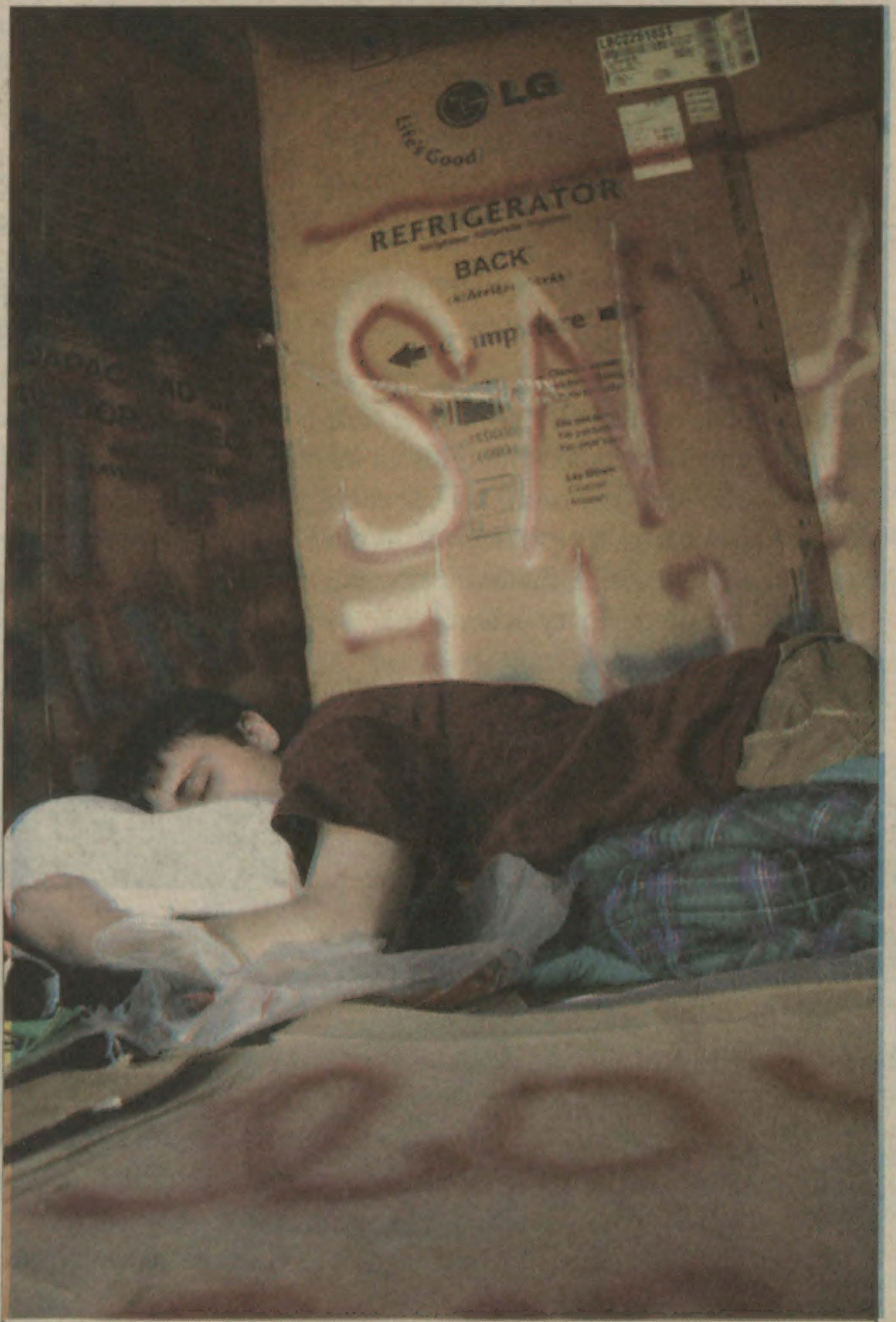


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Awareness slumber

Joe Medeiros, a junior and member of Pi Kappa Alpha, naps Wednesday evening inside a box in the Pep Bowl. Many members of his fraternity and Alpha Xi Delta stayed outdoors this week to raise awareness of homelessness in Omaha.

Chancellor search brings first two finalist to campus for visit, forum

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Each of the four finalists for the position of chancellor are visiting campus for an opportunity to meet with students, faculty, staff and community members as they make their bid for UNO's top leadership position.



photo by Patrick Doty
Allen Mori visits UNO's campus on Wednesday.

The first half of this week brought John Christensen and Allen Mori to campus.

While Christensen did not have far to go, having been with UNO since 1978, Mori is currently the provost

and vice president for academic affairs at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

The other candidates are Wilson Bradshaw, president of Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, Minn.; and John Frederick, executive vice president and provost of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Christensen has had roles at UNO ranging from faculty member to vice-chancellor of academic affairs. He has most recently served as the interim chancellor since September, when former chancellor Nancy Belck resigned amidst fallout from the summer's financial woes and the resignation of Jim Buck, former vice chancellor for administration.

During his public forum Monday, Christensen, already familiar with the majority of the faces in the room, fielded serious questions regarding budget issues and the expanding university.

"We need to work with the governor, legislature [and] citizenry to contribute,"

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Accreditation problems resolved for UNO School of Social Work

TAYLOR H. MULLER
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Last year, UNO's School of Social Work ran into a few accreditation bumps on the way to accreditation, which led its director to visit Washington, D.C., went to argue the school's case before the accreditation committee.

On June 10, Teresa Barron-McKeagney, the school's director, received the good news that the School of Social Work would maintain their accredited status for eight more years.

"The faculty was concerned," Barron-McKeagney said. "You know how faculty get."

The School of Social Work was informed of its problems in early February last year when the Council on Social Work Education sent a letter citing two specific areas the school needed to improve. At that time, its accreditation status was on hold, awaiting the improvement of student-to-teacher ratios and informing constituents about the school's accomplishments.

"I went to Washington and said, 'Here are some things we need to point out.' They said 'OK, no problems at all,'" said Barron-

McKeagney. "One issue was faculty student ratios. We computed it differently and had to basically prove our point to them that everything was clear."

Currently the school's ratio is one teacher to 13 students. To show that UNO's constituents did know about the school's work, Barron-McKeagney told the council about its different achievements, goals and objectives.

The council was pleased with Barron-McKeagney's report and restored UNO's full accreditation until 2013, when it will be reevaluated.

The school currently has 15 faculty members, 175 graduate students and about 45 undergraduates. If the school had its accreditation revoked, those students would not be able to receive a degree.

However, social work major Amy West said if that happened, she would have transferred to a different university before she would change her major.

"I'm sure it would have concerned me," said West. "I feel this school's good. It would have certainly changed my mindset."

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Crime Log

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Tuesday, April 3

6:07 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in Lot 2. Incident occurred between 9 a.m. and 5:05 p.m.

Saturday, April 7

12:40 a.m. A Campus Security officer investigated an illegally parked vehicle in I Lot. Further investigation identified a suspect with alcohol in possession on I Lot and eight other suspects in possession of alcohol at University Village. Affiliated suspects were referred for disciplinary action.

Sunday, April 8

1:45 a.m. Campus Security was

informed of an alcohol party at Scott Village. Investigation identified seven individuals involved with consumption of alcohol. Affiliated suspects were referred for disciplinary action.

Monday, April 9

2 p.m. Student reported theft of motor vehicle from Lot 5. Incident occurred between 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

2:10 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from vehicle parked in Lot 5. Incident occurred between 10:45 a.m. and 12:20 p.m.

9:05 p.m. Campus Security was informed of suspects entering University Village with alcohol. Further investigation disclosed an apartment at University Village whose occupants were in possession of alcohol. Affiliated suspects were referred for disciplinary action.

Tuesday, April 10

12:15 a.m. While responding to a medical emergency at Scott Village, Campus Security discovered an individual in possession of alcohol. Suspect was referred for disciplinary action.

11:50 a.m. Student reported theft of personal property from Strauss Performing Arts Center. Incident occurred between 9 a.m. and 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday, April 11

5:30 p.m. Student reported burglary and theft of personal property from University Village. Incident occurred between 4 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

10:10 p.m. Campus Security officers were dispatched to Peter Kiewit Institute in response to an assault. The victim and suspect were identified. The victim did not wish to file a report with Omaha police.

Incident occurred between 10 p.m. and 10:10 p.m.

Friday, April 13

6:20 p.m. Staff member reported theft of university property from Peter Kiewit Institute. Incident occurred between 8 a.m., Friday, December 1, and 1:44 p.m., Friday, April 13.

Saturday, April 14

3:15 p.m. Visitor reported theft of personal property from his vehicle parked in Q Lot. Incident occurred between 12:45 p.m. and 3 p.m.

11:22 p.m. Campus Security officers on patrol approach four suspects seated in a vehicle parked in G Lot. The Omaha police were contacted and responded. The driver of the vehicle was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

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Library waives fees for day at ballpark

The Criss Library will be sponsoring a "Library Day at the Ballpark!" on Sunday, April 22. Students are invited to enjoy the Maverick doubleheader against the Augustana Vikings and receive goodie bags as well as coupons to waive an existing library fine.

The games are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. They will take place at the Ball Park at Boys Town.

Former UNO student artist to showcase work

Local artist Ron Garvais will display his work today, April 20. The display is located Sullivan's at 3926 Farnam St. It runs from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Garvais graduated from UNO last year, where he was a Maverick football player until he got injured. He is originally from Montana and worked for the U.S. Navy.

Students participate in Youth Service Day

UNO students will team up with students from Western Hills Elementary School to clean local parks in Youth Service Day on Saturday, April 21. Participants will help clean

Elmwood, Memorial, Fontenelle and Benson parks along with the help of Keep Omaha Beautiful.

The day's events will kick off with registration at 9 a.m. at Western Hills Elementary, located at 6523 Western Ave. From there, students will be bused to the participating parks. Shuttles leave every half hour between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The day will end with a ceremony at the school starting at 5 p.m.

For more information about these events, contact Kathe Oleson at 554-2427.

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Third interim chairperson appointed for Black Studies department



Richard Breaux

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Examining the titles of UNO's senior administrators, the word 'interim' appears in front of several positions. And, while positions like chancellor and athletic director are being filled, one title will remain an interim appointment for another year.

Because of the difficulty of finding a permanent replacement, Peggy Jones, an assistant professor of Black Studies, was appointed the interim chairperson of the Department of Black Studies.

Jones' appointment takes effect Aug. 1. Until then, Richard Breaux will continue to serve as interim chairperson, a position he said is full of responsibility as "the public voice and face of the department."

The chairperson's responsibilities also include being the "chief administrator in terms of localized faculty development, and helping along younger professors' research agendas and develop courses," said Breaux.

The decision to appoint another interim chairperson came after two searches failed to produce a winner. "We had two committees, two searches. The first search came back, and we were told none of the people were qualified enough," said Breaux. "We had a second search that brought a candidate on campus, and they interviewed him. They recommended to the dean they

be allowed to interview other candidates. [The] dean said, 'No, we're going to go with an interim.'"

Dean of Arts and Sciences Shelton Hendricks said a permanent chairperson would be looked for after "two-to-three new faculty" are added to the department next year. While he said having only an interim chairperson does affect the department, "Both Richard [Breux] and Eric [Manley] did an excellent job. Jones will too."

Eric Manley, currently the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, served as interim chairperson the year before Breaux.

Yusef Mustafa, a studio art and black studies major, said he was "happy to see" Jones as the next interim, saying she was a "fairly involved, caring instructor."

Breaux said he had turned in an application for the permanent position, but was informed he would not be contacted for an interview. And, while his term is nearing its end, Breux said, "there are good days and bad days" as chairperson.

"But, for the most part, it's really been a learning experience," Breux said.

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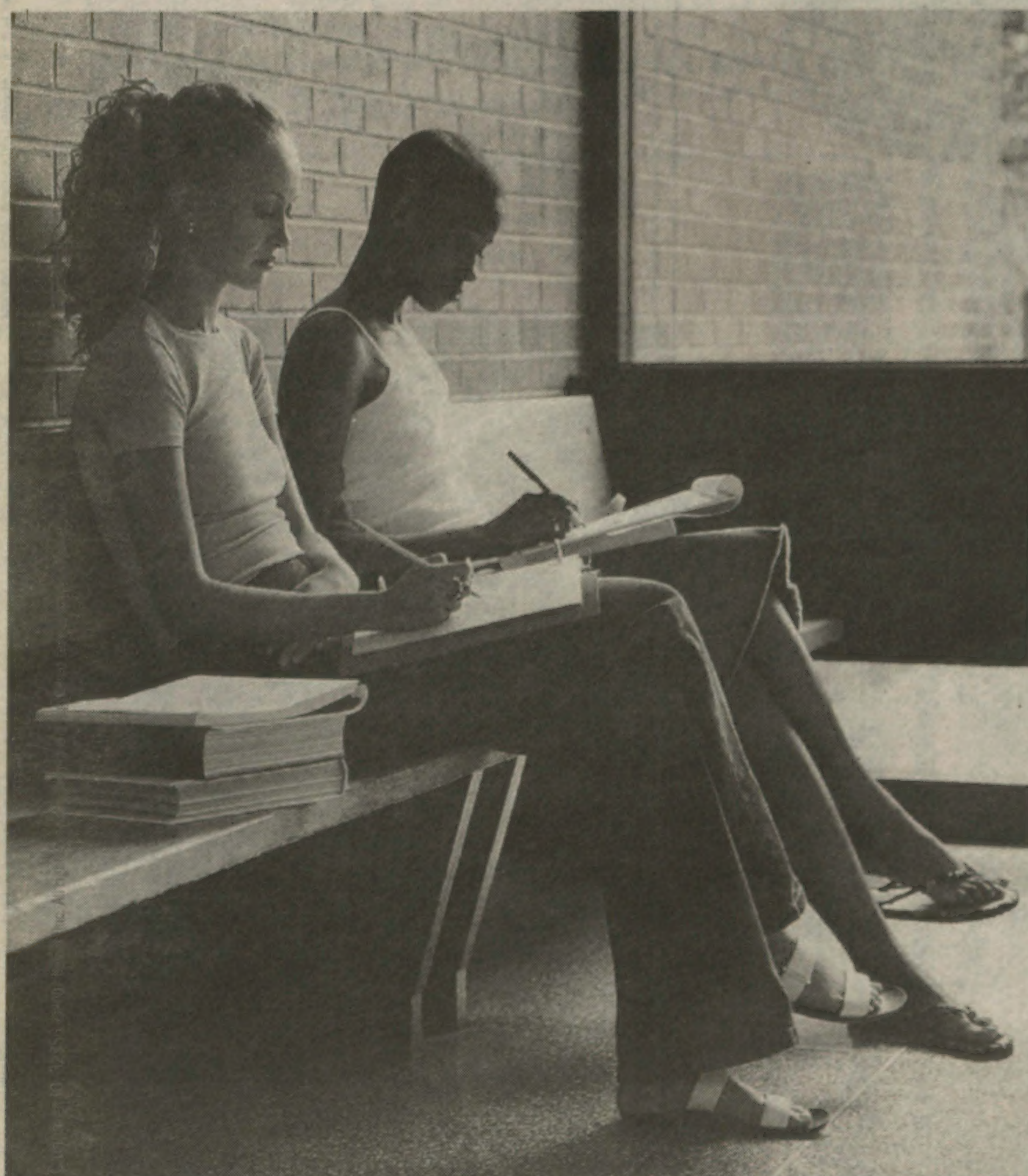
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Evan Porter: The skinny kid from Omaha who wields the big stick



Evan Porter

JASON SIBSON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

If Evan Porter doesn't impress you, you're probably just jealous.

In 36 games this season, UNO's sophomore shortstop is hitting a video game-like .389. He leads the entire conference with 49 hits, nine home runs, and 43 RBIs.

He's the player that some kid with a Playskool mitt watching from the bleachers and some role player wearing a rally-cap in the opposing dugout would simultaneously point to and say, "I wanna be that guy."

There are also things about Porter that people don't see, like his paperboy humility and his tireless work ethic. It's these qualities, which stretch beyond the fences of a baseball diamond that have allowed Porter to become "that guy."

"He's a real quality person," said UNO Baseball Coach Bob Herold, who has known the Porter family most of Evan's life. "The (players) love to be around him, and he's a coach's dream."

Porter hopes to play professional baseball after college, but is also working on a degree in business

finance. Whichever road he travels, future success for Porter seems assured.

As for the success he's experiencing now, it's a sincere humility with which he deflects the credit.

The mind-blowing numbers? He credits the teammate hitting behind him.

"It really helps hitting in front of [clean-up hitter] Chris Weimer," said Porter. "I get to see a lot of good pitches because the other team does not want to get to him, and I just try to put a good swing on it."

That tireless work ethic? He credits his father.

"My dad's a cardiologist who works 12 hours everyday to provide for our family," said Porter. "Just seeing how hard he works, that's what I try to do."

Those outstanding leadership traits? He credits his team captains.

"Our captains [third-baseman] Bryan Frew and [pitcher] Blake Denoyer keep everyone comfortable out there," said Porter. "I just try to emulate them and be as relaxed as I can so that everyone else can be."

Porter's heavy bat has aided a turnaround this season for this young Maverick lineup, who have built a 20-16 record after a rocky 9-13 start.

What has been perhaps more impressive than the numbers he has compiled this season is his sustained

ability to hit in the clutch. During doubleheader sweeps over Emporia State and Washburn earlier this season, Porter managed seven two-out RBIs.

The former Millard North High School star walks up to the plate in a seemingly zen-like state, when the beads of their own sweat blind most players in the same situation.

"I really like where our team's going," said Porter. "Our team chemistry is really growing, so we should be really well off for the next couple years."

If superior statistics impress you, you needn't look further than the line Evan Porter has built so far this season. If you happen to catch a ballgame and you watch Porter produce two-out RBIs after base-clearing double after game-clinching homerun, you get a better sense of just how impressive this guy is as a baseball player.

Then you hear about his work ethic, his humble attitude and his unassuming personality. And you start to understand the man underneath the helmet -- the skinny kid from Omaha who yields the big stick.

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Mavs softball picks up pace, intensity



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Senior Cheris Kuster picked up her 10th win of the season last weekend. Kuster is carrying a 1.40 ERA so far this year.

THOMAS GILMORE
STAFF WRITER

The season for the UNO Maverick softball team, which began on a rocky slope, is now gliding across the North Central Conference with ease.

The Mavs won their first two games on Saturday over host-team Concordia 4-0 and Southwest Minnesota St. 8-3, before surrendering to Winona St. in a tough 1-0 loss.

The Mavs are on a roll, winning eight of their last 10 games, including a dominating performance in the Concordia St. Paul tournament in St. Paul, Minn., this weekend.

The Mavs won four of five games for the tournament victory and then traveled to Augustana to split a double dip.

Following her first collegiate shut-out against St. Cloud State, freshman Melissa Negrete tossed her first career perfect game against Upper Iowa in a five-inning 9-0 game, revealing signs of brilliance to come.

The team came out with a different look on day two, backing up Negrete with solid glove work in the first game and rolling with confidence to steal a 4-2 win against Minnesota St. Moorhead in game two.

Negrete received tremendous offensive support during the 9-0 thrashing of Upper Iowa, who came into the game carrying a 17-8 record.

"Missy's done a great job of throwing strikes," Coach Jeanne Scarpello said. "Her

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Maverick baseball team captures three in Duluth double-double

JASON SIBSON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UNO baseball team visited Duluth, Minn., earlier this week and came back to Omaha with twice as many road victories than they had all season.

Winning three out of four games in Sunday and Monday doubleheaders against the Bulldogs moved UNO to 6-11 in official road games, 20-16 overall, and 6-2 in the North Central Conference.

After the four-game stint, Coach Bob Herold was disappointed UNO's 10-game winning streak against the perennial cellar-dwellers of the NCC had come to an end.

"We probably should win all four against those guys," said Herold. "We're going to be looking back at some of these games at the end of the year and wonder what the heck happened."

The first game went exactly as Herold would have planned it.

Maverick ace Tyler Cloyd, the conference's best pitcher, put together another masterpiece on the mound. Cloyd went all seven innings, allowing

just one hit and striking out 10 on his way to his sixth win of the season. After the Maverick's 6-0 triumph, Cloyd's conference-best ERA dropped to a paltry 1.38.

UNO struggled against the underdogs in the remaining three games, including a 3-2 loss in game one of Monday's doubleheader.

The heart of the Maverick lineup is made up of the No. 3 and No. 4 hitters, Evan Porter and Chris Weimer, respectively. In the three Duluth victories, UNO's bash brothers hit a combined 12 for 21 with 11 RBIs, and combined for one for four and no RBIs in the loss.

Herold knows that when those two are off, RBIs are hard to come by.

"We don't have quite as many killers this year," said Herold, referring to the lineup that produced last year's 45-14 record.

Despite dropping a bad one to Duluth, this young group has made great strides from where they were earlier this season.

"Compared to a month ago, I think we're in real good shape," said Herold. "We are playing a lot better."

Tennis team rebounds from loss streak with four road wins over two days

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As the UNO tennis team was going through one of the longest winless streaks in program history, Coach Bill Nichols kept saying his team was working harder.

The tough losses to quality teams, he said, were giving his athletes the right motivation at the right time and might just end up being a good thing.

Nichols was proven right this weekend as the

Mavericks stormed over four straight North Central Conference opponents to finish the regular season with a perfect 6-0 NCC record.

"I'm usually pretty hard to please, my expectations are pretty high and I like to see things done right," said the coach who occasionally conducts hour-long team meetings after matches. "They played with a lot more poise, a lot more patience -- particularly at the top of the lineup -- really some fantastic control ... it was very evident they weren't making a lot of silly mistakes."

To make up for some earlier rescheduling, the Mavs were forced to play St. Cloud State University and the University of South Dakota on Saturday in Vermillion, S.D. and then travel up the road to Sioux Falls for a Sunday doubleheader against Augustana College and the University of Minnesota Duluth.

UNO's No. 1, sophomore Rachel Faulk, and No. 2, senior captain Maggie Russell, were the only Mavericks

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Cindy Collins, co-owner of the Reading Grounds bookstore, sat down with the *Gateway* to talk about Omaha's locally-owned Midtown bookstore and its atmosphere.

What is the history of the Reading Grounds?

We wanted to create something that we didn't see in Omaha, especially in the Midtown area. We wanted to create a venue where people could come and socialize, and be themselves. A place that would attract independent thinkers. A place that would attract all kinds of people. We consider ourselves a general bookstore; we carry books in all categories: biography, political, poetry, general fiction. We do have a GLBT niche, and we wanted to have a place that GLBT people could be comfortable to come in here and not be judged. We are politically and socially minded. We don't generate those kinds of things; we just support what the community wants. So we've got our coffee shop, and we've got books and a stage area, which is a great venue for all kinds of things.

What kind of crowd do you usually see come into the Reading Grounds?

Well, other bookstores will say 'this is our demographic.' Ours, in Midtown, it's a very wide range. We can have people that are living in the neighborhood, people that just walk the streets and come in and want a cool place to sit. Then we have surgeons from the Med Center, we have a poetry crowd, we have students. So it's a wide range of people. And that's what we want to be. We want to be open to everyone. We don't want someone to walk in and say 'This isn't for me.'

Why do you think UNO students like the Reading Grounds?

I think because we are so laid

back here, and we are so welcoming of everyone that they can just relax and be who they are. We also give them a 10 percent discount, but that's not bribery! [laughs] We've got WiFi here; we just really recently did that. We attract students, I think, because we're just so accepting of everyone, and I think students tend to think that way too; not necessarily judgmental of people.

What is unique about the books you sell?

We try to be affordable to the Midtown area and students. We usually have a \$5 best-seller hardcover table going. We try to offer what students are looking for and what the neighborhood wants, and may not be what you find at the chain store or in West Omaha. Because we are independent, we can basically sell whatever we deem that our customers want. We can carry [what the customers want] because we don't have a corporation telling us what we should buy and what we can't carry or which authors we can have. Authors are attracted to independent bookstores like ours because we do really promote them and work with them.

Why do people like going to the Reading Ground over the large chain bookstores?

We support local talent. Other bookstores that maybe won't carry work from local people, we carry that. We support local musicians, local artists, local writers and we want to give them a venue. Everybody starts out somewhere. We offer more variety of authors. People can just come in for open mic night, open poetry night. We also try to know our customers on a personal level. If you come in a couple of times we basically know what you like.

What is one thing that many people don't know about the Reading Grounds?

We've been told - so it's not biased

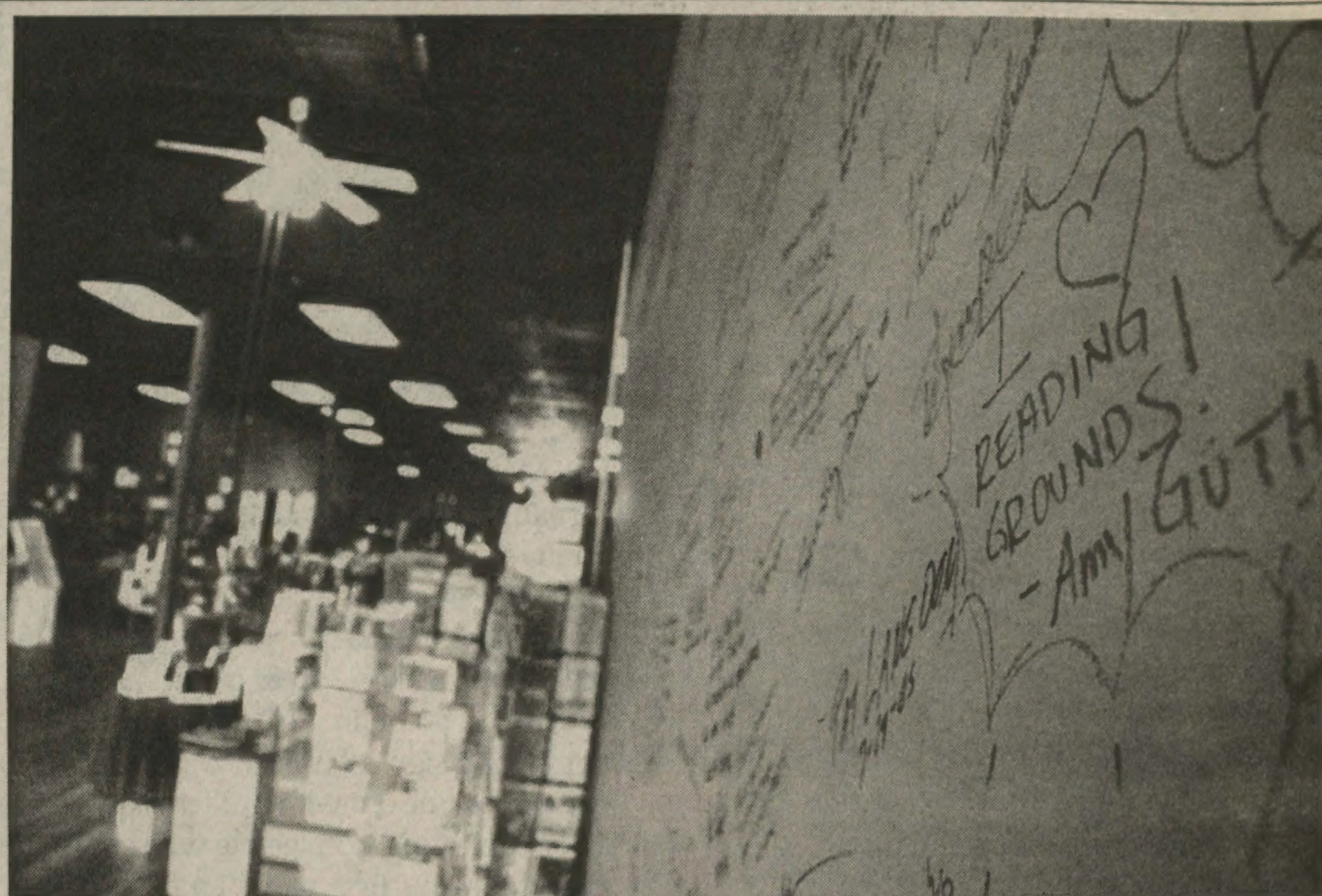


photo by Patrick Doty

The Reading Grounds showcases two walls of signatures. One, pictured above, is for people who perform in the bookstore. The other is for customers to express what freedom means to them. The Reading Grounds owners pride themselves in offering an independent and open-minded store that promotes local talent and offers a place for students to gather.

- we've been told that we have the best coffee in town. I think we do too. And it's affordable; we try to undercut everybody because we know students are on a budget. We do have a really great product, and our smoothies are really good.

What drink is the most popular right now?

We have a new one and people love it; it's an anti-oxidant smoothie, pomegranate and blueberry. We just can't keep enough of it around!

Is there a story behind the wall of signatures?

We have two walls actually. [The one by the stage] is for people who perform here. Poets, musicians, film directors, they all sign the wall. Then we just started our "Freedom is..." People can write what freedom means to them, because that's kind of what we are about here. Freedom to believe what you want and read what you want to read and be who you are.

The Reading Grounds is located at 3928 Farnam St. and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. and closed Mondays. Go to readinggrounds.com for more information.

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From **CHANCELLOR**: Page 1

said Christensen when asked about the reduced increase to UNO's budget proposed by the state legislature. "Our best hope is to stop erosion of state support."

Christensen also highlighted the specific areas he intended to pursue in order to grow UNO as a metropolitan university, including developing greater ties to K-12 schools, growing public-private partnerships and expanding distance learning.

"At the end of the day, I'm saying we need to get out of the box," said Christensen.

On Wednesday, Mori made his trip to the university to make his case for the job. He highlighted the huge opportunity the university had in store, his achievements and answered questions from the more than 45 attendees.

"Everybody on this campus should be optimistic, the best days lie ahead," said Mori. "Good things are going to happen here."

He stressed the importance of creating a metropolitan identity for UNO. The university, he said, could be a catalyst for

the Omaha area, creating a bond between the two.

"We want people to say UNO is Omaha's university," said Mori. "Taking that role puts [UNO] in the mind of the city as an important aspect."

Whoever the search committee decides on will be responsible for the future of each student, faculty and staff member of the university, said Marcia Adler, director of Student Health Services. Adler attended both forums, and said she planned on attending the other two candidate's forums.

"I want to understand their insight into students: Can they read students?" said Adler.

She said she had an invested interest in the outcome of the search because "these people will determine my quality of life at work."

NU President James B. Milliken is expected to make an appointment in early May. The Board of Regents is then expected to hold a special meeting to confirm the appointment.

From **TENNIS**: Page 5

to go undefeated over the two days of competition. Both Faulk and Russell won each of their singles matches and then teamed up to sweep doubles.

Faulk dropped only four games all weekend, including a pair of 6-0, 6-0 shutouts on Saturday, but the big story was Russell taking over the top spot on the UNO career singles list.

With a 6-0, 6-2 win over Duluth's Stacy Schulz Saturday afternoon, Russell, who already owns the career doubles title with 61, matched former Mav and current assistant coach Sarah Huls' UNO-record 47 singles victories.

By the next morning, Russell had the record to herself.

Having made her decision to join the team only a month before coming to UNO in 2003, Russell said it never entered her mind that she might one day end up on the school's all-time list.

"Not at all. It was just such a great opportunity to even be able to play college

tennis at all," she said. "I had no idea it'd be such a success."

One person who wasn't shocked by Russell's accomplishment was the player she bumped from atop the list.

"I'm not surprised," said Huls, a close friend and former teammate of Russell's. "She's always right there playing and working her butt off."

With the commanding wins the Mavericks gained a considerable amount of momentum heading into the conference tournament being held at Hanscom Park Tennis Center this Friday and Saturday.

Though the format will be different, the Mavs will be seeing a lot of the same faces they put frowns on in South Dakota.

If they can do it again, the players won't be the only ones smiling.

"It was really fun, as a coach, to watch the team perform this weekend," said Nichols. "If we can bring anything like that for conference, I'm pretty optimistic."

From **REACTION**: Page 1

learning, random criminal acts can occur anywhere, anytime," Interim Chancellor John Christensen said in an e-mail to UNO faculty, students and staff on Wednesday. "Maintaining a safe campus environment is everyone's responsibility; your help is needed and appreciated."

Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security, said if a situation similar to Virginia Tech were to occur at UNO, his department's main responsibility would be contacting and assisting the Omaha Police Department.

"We're not armed; we're not going to confront," Kosel said.

Kosel said the university would assemble an instant command group, much like the one assembled after the first shooting at Virginia Tech. However, Omaha police would organize any physical response.

With plans to construct additional student housing on the north campus, Kosel said the department would be requesting additional staffing. But, presently there are no plans to create a university police force like the officers on Lincoln's campus.

Sophomore Matt Wellwood, an elementary education major, said he thinks increased security at UNO would probably cause more delays and problems for students than its worth.

"I don't think it's necessary a matter of security, it's just a crazy person," Wellwood said. "I think, as far as I've seen, security does a good job."

Nevertheless, Wellwood said it was "scary to even think about" the possibility of a shooting happening at UNO.

Assistant Section Editor Taylor Muller contributed to this report.

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pitching has been keeping us in games. We're lucky we have her for three more years."

Leslie Svoboda did as she has all year, igniting the fireworks early with a two-run homer to right center in the bottom of the first.

That was all that Negrete needed to work her masterpiece. With her fastball sizzling past hitters, she managed to strike out eight of the 15 batters she faced.

Quiet for most of the season, Jenifer McDowell let her bat roar with a furious explosion of offense in the opening game against Augustana on Tuesday. McDowell belted three homers in one game, driving in eight of the Mavs nine runs to lead them to a 3-1 win over Augustana.

"This last stretch of games has really

given us confidence to take into the rest of the season," Scarpello said.

The Mavs' early 1-0 lead in the second game turned out to be short-lived after Scarpello decided to pitch to Augustana's Ally Ruthford.

"I decided to pitch to a hitter that I probably should have put on," Scarpello said.

She was right and hindsight proved 20/20 again when Ruthford blasted a three-run homer to give Augustana a 3-1 lead.

Negrete allowed only one hit after the first inning, but her incredible effort wasn't enough for the Mavs to win.

"We still have a lot of season left and hope we can get over this and get on another streak," Scarpello said. "I think we're turning the corner."

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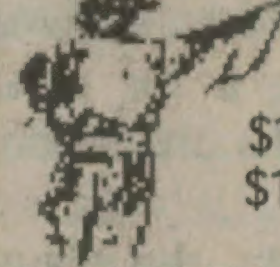
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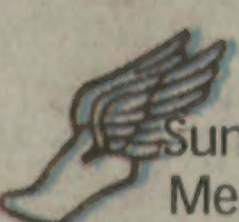


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